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1. ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN MADE BY GOI THAT 62 ANTI-STATE PRISONERS WILL BE RELEASED BY IMPERIAL AMNESTY ON THE OCCASION OF THE 28TH OF AMORDAD (ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL UPRISING) AND THE BIRTH CENTENARY OF REZA SHAH. DATE OF RELEASE IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 17 AND WILL INCLUDE OVER 700 PRISONERS IN TOTAL. REPORTEDLY A SPECIAL COMMISSION COMPRISED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE COURTS, PRISONS AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY SUBMITTED TO THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE LISTS OF PRISONERS CONSIDERED TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR AN IMPERIAL PARDON.

2. IN ISFAHAN, MARTIAL LAW AUTHORITIES HAVE WARNED UNDERGROUND PUBLISHERS AGAINST PUBLISHING ANY MATERIAL MALI-
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CIOUS OR INJURIOUS TO PEACE AND ORDER. IT HAS ALSO BEEN ANNOUNCED BY MILITARY GOVERNOR LTG NAJI THAT A GROUP OF RING LEADERS BEHIND THE WEEKEND RIOTS IN ISFAHAN HAS BEEN ARRESTED. MILITARY AUTHORITIES PERMITTED WORKERS AT A NUMBER OF ISFAHAN FACILITIES TO STAGE GATHERINGS AUGUST 15 IN SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT, FOLLOWING WHICH A MESSAGE WAS SENT TO PRIME MINISTER AMOUEZGAR

"DEPLORING THE RECENT EVENTS IN ISFAHAN ENGINEERED BY A GROUP EXPLOITING UNDER-AGE YOUNGSTERS." SIMILAR MASS MEETINGS BY WORKERS HAVE BEEN HELD IN SOUTHERN CITIES OF BUSHEHR AND KHORRAMSHAHR.

3. FOLLOWING RECENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN SHIRAZ FILES OF 113 OF THOSE ARRESTED HAVE BEEN SENT TO MILITARY COURTS WHILE 96 OTHERS WILL FACE CIVILIAN TRIALS. TWO OF THE THREE DEMONSTRATORS KILLED IN SHIRAZ OVER THE WEEKEND HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED. SCORES OF OTHERS ARE CONTINUING TO RECEIVE HOSPITAL CARE.
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